

Town of Camden
Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee Agenda (CEDAC)

Thursday, August 26, 2010, 5:30 PM
Tucker Room, Camden Opera House

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Peter Gross, Martin Cates, Ellis Cohen, Dan Bookham, Mike Tyler, Don Abbott, Lowry Sargent, Jim Fullilove, Mathew Eddy, and John Arnold

1. Minutes from 8/12/10 meeting accepted
2. Gateway 1 RFP
The proposal of DCI-Indianapolis, IN was accepted by the Select Board at its August 17, 2010, meeting. The contract has been issued and a representative is expected at the next, September 9, 2010, CEDAC meeting. Mathew expects that since DCI has access to previously developed data and base maps, they will be able to move quickly into the inventory phase.

3. Strategic Plan Discussion
Mathew informed the attendees that planning was well underway for the Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 5:30 PM First phase planning meeting at High Mountain Hall. An attendance list was circulated and attendees volunteered to contact names on the list.

An agenda for the meeting was distributed and extensively discussed. Attendee concern focused on keeping the first hour presentations within an hour total so that there will be adequate time for discussion by planning meeting attendees in the second hour.

A second news release was distributed and discussed.

A Town of Camden department head SWOT analysis was distributed and extensively discussed. This analysis will be the basis for ongoing planning efforts.

4. Mathew then updated the attendees on his recent efforts including:

Contact with David J. Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property & Director of US Patent and Trademark Office: An upcoming meeting with David on Camden's intellectual capacity is being set up.

Review of Camden commercial activities: Mathew distributed graphs showing Total Camden Industry Groups and Consolidated Industry Groups. From these he developed the following clusters.

<u>% of participants</u>	<u>Cluster Catagory</u>
18	Retail/Wholesale trade
15	Professional: including design, media, engineers, doctors
12	Hospitality
11	Contractors/Real Estate
11	Health Care/Retirement
4	Financial Resources: Banks
2	Manufacturing

The attendees were requested to review the lists and provide feedback to Mathew.

Economic and Community Development Groups: Mathew distributed a list of Economic and Community Development –Related Organizations, Associations, and Committees and requested that the members and attendees review the list and provide feedback to Mathew.

Reoccurring Community Events: Mathew distributed a list of Reoccurring Community Events of Economic Significance and asked that the members and attendees provide feedback to Mathew.

5. Toolkit Update – Dan reported that little Toolkit progress had been made this summer.
6. September CEDAC Meetings: September 9 and 23
7. Much is occurring now with CEDAC. Members who miss meeting should contact Mathew to make sure they keep themselves up to date on what is going on.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM